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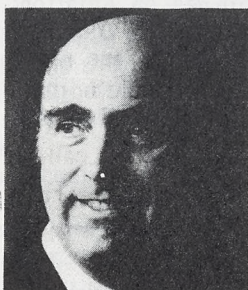
January 7, 1970

## New York Scene

Tues., Jan. 20 – Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum.

Ruediger Baron von Wechmar, Deputy Spokesman for the German Government, and Director of the German Information Center.

News as fresh as the dinner salad will be served by von Wechmar, duly



Baron von Wechmar appointed spokesman for the German Gov't and Director of the German Information Center in New York.

The title of the talk will be "Brandt's Bonn, A German Era." To insure that his message will be exclusive, von Wechmar will make a phone call to Chancellor Willy Brandt prior to the dinner, updating all aspects of his subject.

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 7:30. \$7.

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Tues., Jan. 27 – 8:30 p.m. Metropolitan Opera Studio – Preview of Concert which will be performed at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

### DID YOU FORGET?

Members who have not yet contributed to the Xmas Bonus Fund for OPC Employees are invited to do so now. The Fund will be kept open till Jan. 30, 1970.



HEAD TABLE as OPC President Hal Lehrman introduces Abba Eban. Seated (l. to r.) are Bumett Hershey; Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Representative to the UN; Abba Eban. (Phot Lisa Hoffman)

### ARE MIDEAST UMPIRES IMPARTIAL?

## EBAN QUESTIONS BRITISH INTEREST

By David Resnick

Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel who, with Eric Sevareid of CBS, had inaugurated the OPC's Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum at a dinner in the fall of 1967, was the speaker at a Murrow Forum luncheon in the club, Dec. 12. It was his first address on his recent lecture tour of the United States and concluded with a press conference.

Responding to a question from the *London Times* correspondent concerning Britain's refusal to sell Chieftain tanks to Israel, Eban said Britain was holding back because the Arabs threatened economic reprisals. Fearing Arab reprisal, how can Britain serve as one of the four powers group of umpires in the Middle East, he asked.

Another country that seeks to be an umpire, the Soviet Union, was one of the primary authors of the Six Day War, Eban said. It armed the Arabs before the war and has been rearming them heavily since.

Answering a *New York Times* reporter's question about what Israel wants from the United States, Eban said "We don't ask for one drop of American blood. We want only export licenses for the purchase of necessary material."

The four great powers should press for negotiation between Israel and the Arabs, Eban suggested, since never in history has peace been achieved without negotiation. "We shall not allow our future to be written from the outside," he

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## ABBA EBAN

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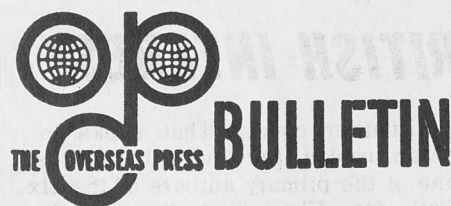
said. "We are ready to negotiate without prior conditions."

President Hal Lehrman presided. Dorothy Omansky produced the event. Seated with them at the speaker's table were Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Chief Representative at the United Nations; Hanneh Gifon, Minister, Israeli



ABBA EBAN at an array of mikes. L. to r.: John T. McAllister, Chairman of the OPC Program Council, Amb. Yosef Tekoah.

Mission at the United Nations; Gabriel Padon, Press Officer, Israeli Consulate General; Sir Barnett Janner, member of the English Parliament and President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain; Burnet Hershey, Past President of OPC and Acting Chairman of the Overseas Press Club Foundation; and John T. McAllister, General Editor of Newsweek and Chairman of the OPC Program Council.



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## Inflation Hits Clubs Around the Country

**DUES BLUES:** The cost of belonging is on the rise.

The American Dental Association raised its dues to \$55 from \$40 this year and will consider a \$5 boost next year. Membership in the American Chemical Society goes up 56% on Jan. 1. Last July, the California Nurses Association raised dues \$15 to \$50 a year, its first increase in eight years. Newsmen with active memberships in the National Press Club will pay \$180 a year as of Jan. 1, a \$60 increase.

Higher operating costs plus demands for added services are common reasons for increases by dues-supported groups. "Cost increases are hitting us harder this year than in any year I can remember, and I've been in this job 15 years," says Guenther Baumgart, president of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. His association tacked a 6% surcharge on membership dues last year and is reviewing the charge to see if it should be boosted further.

Increases bring complaints but few dropouts. Only one of 500 Delaware County (Pa.) Chamber of Commerce members quit last summer when minimum dues were raised 57%.

(From Wall St. Journal Nov. 16, 1969)

## OPC Dining Room Now Art Gallery

Paintings from many periods in the artist's life are included in the display of canvases and collages by Mississippi-born Manhattan artist, Jess E. Saunders, currently on view in the OPC dining room.

Saunders, whose paintings are represented in private collections in forty-eight of the fifty states as well as in the West Indies, is showing works ranging from a realistic "Maddonna a Go Go" to pure abstractions, such as a white on white, "Orb". Also on display are scenes of the South that might have come right out of the stories of his fellow Mississippian William Faulkner.

## Israeli Tour

A paragraph in the Dec. 17 OPC Bulletin that told whom to write about the \$250 Israeli tour was omitted. Trip information can be obtained from Harry Steinberg, American Zionist Council, 515 Park Avenue, New York, 10022. PL 2-7745.

## REX SMITH BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

An extensive and valuable collection of volumes in special categories has been added to the Edward R. Murrow Memorial Library of the OPC Foundation. The books are from the original library of Rex Smith, longtime OPC member who died several years ago. They were donated through the generosity of his widow, the former Mrs. Rex Smith, now Mrs. John C.A. Watkins of Providence Rhode Island. The collection includes around 375 volumes. In presenting the books to the OPC Foundation library, Mrs. Watkins described her late husband's attachment to the OPC and her delight in the permanent collection as an appropriate memorial to him.

The books comprise approximately 136 on World War II; about 37 books on journalism; about 50 volumes on Aviation; and some 137 volumes on Biography and Theatre. The books are now on the shelves of the 4th floor library and are being catalogued for general use.

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## NIGERIA-BIAFRA COVERAGE ARGUED

By Ed Edwin

Fairness and fullness, not to mention "objectivity," of coverage of the Nigerian-Biafran story remained unresolved after contradistinctive responses to the question during an Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum.

The speaker was Elbert G. Mathews, who served as U.S. ambassador to Lagos from 1964 to late this year. He has been deputy assistant secretary of state for policy planning, director of inter-African affairs, and more recently coordinator of the senior seminar for policy in the State Department. Also on the scene were Chief Ade Thanni of the Nigerian Consulate-General in New York, and Dr. Nwonye Otue, Biafran representative in the United States and Canada.

After Mathews mentioned a State Department news release on the problem as receiving only slight news attention, he was asked if he would be willing to evaluate generally news media performance of the warring areas. He answered, "No, I don't think I would."

But Chief Thanni was eager.

"We're with Vice President Agnew," he said. "I'm sure everything will be brought down on Nigeria. The Nixon Administration is feeling the pinch we've been feeling for three years."

Dr. Otue found news coverage of the secession as "very scanty." "More would be welcomed," he said, because "Biafra can't get out much news." He praised a handful of reporters who get out where news is being made, including OPCer Lloyd Garrison.

John T. McAllister, Program Council chairman, introduced the career American diplomat. Remarking, "We won't agree with all the facts, let alone on interpretation," McAllister appealed for "a spirit of inquiry." Boyan Choukanoff was producer. Also on the dais were Mrs. Mathews, Vice President Mary Hornaday, and economic planner and consultant, Mrs. Jean Ingersoll. Several reporters covered and BBC Africa Service and CBC taped the proceedings.

Characterizing his mission there as one for reconciliation, stability, and development, Mathews said that at one time, "Anything that could be agreed on (by both sides) would be accepted by the United States." His aim largely was keeping open communications channels. (See page 4)

## Letters

### IMPRESSED BY OPC

(Ohio Congressman Clarence J. Brown, responding to a thank-you note from President Hal Lehrman for his part in the post-Agnew Dec. 8 OPC symposium wrote:)

The uncommon thing is to be invited to a forum as impressive as the Overseas Press Club to express our views on anything. It was good of you and the Club to extend that invitation. I consider myself to be, in the words of Vice President Agnew, one of those "Members of Congress who follow their principles and philosophy quietly in a spirit of compromise" and "are unknown to many Americans." Perhaps that is why invitations such as yours are so rare. Perhaps now that we know each other, I can even come back sometime.

Clarence J. Brown, M. C.  
Seventh Ohio District

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## VIOLINIST GIVES PREVIEW AT OPC

By Herbert Kupferberg

The OPC's 1969-70 music season got under way on Dec. 11 with a brilliant concert by the talented young American violinist, Gilda Muhlbaauer, on the eve of her departure for a two-month European swing.

Miss Muhlbaauer, accompanied by pianist Leon Pommers, played a full recital program, the same she will offer on her European tour. It included Schubert's Sonata in A, Op.



ACCEPTING PLAUDITS (l. to r.): Herb Kupferberg, Miss Muhlbaauer, Leon Pommers, accompanist; Jack Frummer.

162, Beethoven's Sonata in C minor, Op. 30, No. 2; the unaccompanied Bach Chaconne in D minor; Sibelius' Sonatina in E, Op. 80; and Sarasate's Carmen Fantasie.

The violinist, playing with a lovely sweep and warm tone, held the audience as she went through the demanding program. She remained poised and unruffled even when the lounge telephone unexpectedly rang during one of the numbers.

For an encore Miss Muhlbaauer played a Slavonic Dance by Dvorak. The audience stopped calling for more music only when Music Committee Chairman Frummer suggested that the two artists deserved a respite.

(Critic Herb Kupferberg is the author of *Those Fabulous Philadelphians*; *The Life and Times of a Great Orchestra*.)



## PEOPLE & PLACES

By Wambly Bald

**THE WRITING JOHNSONS:** L.B.J.'s brother Sam is presenting to the Club a copy of his long awaited book, "My Brother Lyndon," which Cowles will publish Jan. 12. It will repose in our well stacked library of which Lyndon is Honorary Chairman. But wait, for there is more to come from the Johnsons: copies of L.B.J.'s upcoming four books, three of them memoirs, and of Lady Bird's own story of her White House years from 1963 through 1968. Meanwhile, down at the all-serene ranch, busy typewriters.

**WORK AND PLAY:** OPC Prexy **Hal Lehrman**, member of the U.S. Commission for UNESCO, attended the Commission's three-day national conference in San Francisco, then spent another three at the Bahia resort on San Diego's Mission Bay.

**GLOBE-TROTTERS:** **Russell Warren Howe** is back on base in Dakar after a long swing through East Africa and would be happy to see any OPCers passing through... **Cornell Capa** has returned from Israel where he helped open the exhibit, "The Concerned Photographer," at the Israel Museum of Jerusalem. The exhibit had been shown previously in New York.

**NEW POSTS:** CBS research chief, **A. John Adams**, off to Washington as senior editor of Congressional Quarterly... **William C. Payette**, a UPI veteran, named president of United Feature Syndicate. He succeeds **Laurence Rutman** who is retiring to Carmel, Calif., after heading the syndicate for 25 years... At the annual meeting of the Assn. of American Correspondents in London on Dec. 11, **David M. Nichol**, Chicago Daily News, was elected president for 1970. He succeeds AP's **Richard O'Regan**... **Arthur Kent**, after being sworn in as president of National Assn. of Broadcast Employees & Technicians, celebrated with a trip to Portugal and Spain... **Louis Zara**, whose book on the subject of jade (Walker & Co.) was published last fall, has become top editor of the new Mineral Digest magazine. Experts on gems and other rocks are invited to contribute.

**HONORS:** OPC Board Member **Ansel E. ("Ed") Talbert**, m.e. of Air Transport World, has been named

top winner in the business and magazine class of the TWA's 32nd annual writing and picture contest. His award is for special "in depth" articles on three world aero-space manufacturers.... Family Service Assn.'s biennial award went to **Jack Harrison Pollack** for his Parade article, "Why Couples Divorce After Long Marriages"... The American Vocational Assn., of Washington, D.C., gave its Citation of Merit award to **Alice Widener**, syndicated columnist and publisher of U.S.A. Magazine, for her leadership in behalf of vocational education in America.

**ARTICLES:** The January issue of Today's Health has a cover story by **Ted J. Rakstis**: "Sensitivity Training: Fad, Fraud or New Frontier?"

**BOOKS:** Charles Morrow Wilson's "Stars Is God's Lanterns," just brought out by the University of Oklahoma Press, is a collection of "telling stories" of the rural Ozarks. The author is a native of that region.

**TINY STAFF ADDITION:** Laura Ann Hunter, born December 19, was placed under the Xmas tree at the home of the Club's chief engineer, John Hunter. Laura weighed in at 8 lbs. 3 oz.

### NIGERIA/BIAFRA (From page 3)

Mathews said, hawks thought they could save lives if they finished the war quickly. Doves believed a military conclusion was not feasible without a tragic loss of life.

"The question of who is right is an endless business," Nigeria's Chief Thanni said. He said, "I don't want to talk about dove and hawk. We're all doves."

### Santa Came To OPC

The Club threw a pre-Xmas party for the children of members on Dec. 19, and the oldsters there had plenty of fun too.

With lots of ice cream, cakes and candy going around, Seymour Heilbron, a magician entertained with his amazing feats. OPCer **Kay Kato** was there too, making sketches of the small fry present.

**Madeline D. Ross** and **Anita D. Berke** co-chaired the party.

## Membership

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS ASSOCIATE

**ARTHUR E. ROWSE** — President and Editor, Consumer News, Inc., Washington, D.C. Proposed by *Peter Weaver*; seconded by *Tad Szulc*.

**ROBERT L. SCHIFFER** — Special adviser, Public Affairs Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. Proposed by *Stanley Frankel*; seconded by *Richard Cohen*.

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The Admissions Committee announces the transfer from Affiliate to Associate of the following member:

*Bernard W. Frazier* — Eastern Public Relations Manager — The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Inc., N.Y.C.

### NEW MEMBERS ACTIVE

*Miss Ray Shaw* — Free-lance photo-journalist, N.Y.

*Richard Brockway Stolley* — Sr. Editor for Europe, Africa and Middle East, Life Magazine.

### ASSOCIATE

*Michael John Knipe* — N.Y. and U.N. Correspondent, London Times, N.Y.

*Diana Kan* — City Editor-Reporter and Reviewer, Cosmorama Pictorial and the Village.

### JAVITS BOOK INTRODUCED AT MURROW LIBRARY

Termed "a new and basic approach to the problems of our time," a book by Benjamin A. Javits, entitled "Ownerism," was introduced to a star-studded celebrity audience in the Edward R. Murrow Memorial Library at the Club.

Among the guests were the author and his brother, Senator Jacob K. Javits; noted economists Eliot Janeway and Leon H. Keyserling; Norman Cousins, Editor of the Saturday Review and many officials of the OPC.

Author Javits said his book calls for a non-ideological reform of capitalism by means of popular stock ownership, or "the enfranchisement of 100 million Americans in a long overdue Republic of Business."

Keyserling said "I believe in the book" which, he opined, urges "a greater sense of participation in the economic process." More info may be obtained from "Shareowners Education Association, 468 Park Ave., N.Y. 10016.